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In re U.S. Patent Application of

ESAKI et al.

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For: RECLINING MECHANISM
FOR VEHICLE SEAT

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Art Unit 3636

Examiner Milton Nelson, Jr.

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2002 the period of response to which is set to expire, after a three month extension, on July 15, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the appropriate sentences as set forth hereinbelow:

✓ Page 7, second full paragraph, last sentence in paragraph should read as follows:

In addition, a connecting rod 23, shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is connected to the hinge pin 17 to operatively connect the reclining mechanism to another reclining mechanism mounted to the vehicle seat at its opposite side.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the ABSTRACT in its entirety and replace with the following:

A reclining mechanism for a vehicle seat includes first and second attachment members coupled with each other at their outer peripheries and connected by a hinge pin, a slide pawl

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